

**Cancellation of flights due to the atcrash at
Ahmedabad and Guwahati**

655. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
AND TOURISM be pleased to
state:

(a) what is the number and the names
of the flights cancelled throughout the
country consequent upon the aircrashes in
Ahmedabad and Guwahati on 19-10-1988;
and

(b) what is the estimated financial loss
incurred on account of these crashes and
cancellations of flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):

(a) Effective 25th October, 1988 Indian
Airlines has cancelled two of its B-737
service, namely, IC-598/597 (Bombay-Cochin-
Bombay) and IC-249/250 (Calcutti-
Guwahati-Calcutta). Vayudoot has cancelled
operation of services to Kulashabar and
Kalmalpur.

(b) As far as crashes are concerned the
aircraft were insured. The amount of loss on
account of cancellation of the services would
be difficult to compute as passengers
travelling to these affected places would
normally take alternative services.

**Financial package for the purchase of
aircraft**

656. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian
Airlines have failed to tie up financial
package for the purchase of 19 aircrafts to be
delivered by 1990 and that has decided to
appoint a foreign consultant to suggest the
way of financing the purchase;

(b) whether it is also a fact that enough
expertise is available within the country to
chalk out the desirable package and that the
job can be done by the IA officials itself; and

(c) if so, what is the estimated expendL
Hire likely to be incurred on account of
consultancy fee to the foreign consultants and
what are the reasons for appointing foreign
consultants when the necessary expertise is
available within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF
CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ
PATIL):

(a) to (c) The financing of the foreign
exchange cost for acquisition of aircraft will
be decided by Indian Airlines in consultation
with the Ministry of Finance. Multiple options
are available in the International Financing
Market for loan and lease finance. The
question whether the services of a foreign
consultancy firm are required or not has not
been de-cided.

**Purchase of Air-bus 320 from a French
Company**

657. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that letter of intent
for the purchase of 12 Airbus A-320 from a
French company was issued before he report
of the French Government into the crashing of
Airbus A-320 on its demonstration flight at
Mulhose/Habeseium Airfield in France in
June, 1988, was available; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for issuing
letter of intent without knowing the outcome
of the investigations into the crash by the
French Accident investigation Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):

(a) The preliminary Report, received in July,
1988, on the accident of Airbus A-320
aircraft of Air France, at Malhouse!
Habeseim, France on 26-6-1988, revealed that
the accident did not occur from any defect,
malfunctioning attributable to A-320 aircraft,
but was caused by the pilot's error. The letter
of intent for 12 Airbus